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METHOD AND SENSOR DEVICE FOR MONITORING A LASER MACHINING OPERATION TO BE PERFORMED ON A WORK PIECE AS WELL AS LASER MACHINING HEAD WITH A SENSOR DEVICE OF THIS KIND

LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box Patent Application Washington, D.C. 20231 April 24, 2001 1739-0172P-SP

Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55(a), the applicant hereby claims the right of priority based on the following application(s):

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A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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